MARYLAND STATE APPLE COMMISSION

Chairman: William C. Main, 1972

Edward W. Hepburn, 1973; Edwin T. McNutt, 1973; Andrew H. Lohr, Jr., 1974; Theodore Stegmaier, 1974; Richard M. Allen, 1975; Raymond K. Gardenhour, 1975.

Secretary: Joseph F. Cox

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The Maryland State Apple Commission was created within the State Board of Agriculture by Chapter 628, Acts of 1947. The seven-man Commission is appointed to four-year terms by the Governor from a list of fruit growers approved by the Executive Committee of the Maryland State Horticultural Society. The Commission raises funds for publicity and advertising, sales promotion, education, and research to increase the demand for, and consumption of, Maryland apples. All apples of U. S. Number 1 Canner Grade or better, grown in Maryland and sold in commercial trade, are subject to a tax of one cent a bushel. However, the first five hundred bushels sold by any producer are tax-exempt. Commercial growers must report all apples sold during the crop season by December 31 each year. Apples sold after the season must be reported by the close of the following May. The Commission deposits the funds received from these sources with the State Treasurer in a Merchandising Fund, and none of this money may be used for any other purpose, operating expenditures excepted (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 97, secs. 71-83).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	. \$8,386	\$8,401

MARYLAND STATE FAIR BOARD

Chairman: Frank Donaldson Brown, Jr., 1973 John M. Crum, 1972; E. Richard Hough, Sr., 1972; Richard N. Wills, 1972; Gerald B. Truitt, Jr., 1973; Grover K. Walker, 1973; Franklin Burris, 1974; Joseph H. McElwee, 1974; Earl C. Robertson, 1974.

R. Nelson Phelps, Executive Secretary

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The Maryland State Fair Board, created by Chapter 463, Acts of 1937, and Chapter 493, Acts of 1947, consists of nine members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board encourages and fosters agriculture through the promotion and assistance of bona fide agricultural fairs and exhibits. It extends financial assistance to qualifying organizations for premium awards to exhibitors of agricultural displays (Code 1957, 1970 Repl. Vol., Art. 66C, secs. 61-63).

Appropriations	1971	1972
Special Funds	\$350,000	\$350,000
Staff: 2.		